

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/666,652

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph D. Manoskey

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-14, 16-22 and 24-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3-14, 16-22, and 24-35 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. Applicant's arguments, see page 11 of amendment, filed 21 March 2007, with respect to claims 14-34 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection of claims 14-34 has been withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 11-15 of amendment, filed 21 March 2007, with respect to claims 1-35 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claims 14, 16, and 17 and the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 1-13, 15, and 18-35 has been withdrawn.
5. Concerning claims 1, 3-13, the prior art does not teach "moving said host from said grid to another grid within said grid environment; and in response to said moving of said host, moving said ghost agent from said grid to said another grid".

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6. Concerning claims 14, 16, and 17, the prior art does not teach "wherein at least a portion of said hosts move from one grid within said grid environment to another grid, and wherein said ghost agents responsively move from said one grid to said another grid in response to movement of said associated host"

7. Concerning claims 18-21, the prior art does not teach "wherein said ghost agent automatically moves from one grid to another grid within said grid computing environment in response to said associated host moving from said one grid to said another grid"

8. Concerning claims 22, 24-34, the prior art does not teach "moving said host from one grid within said grid environment to another grid; and in response to said moving of said host, moving said ghost agent from said one grid to said another grid."

9. Concerning claim 35, the prior art does not teach " means for moving said ghost agent from one grid to within said grid environment to another grid in response to moving said host from said one grid to said another grid."

10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph D. Manoskey whose telephone number is (571) 272-3648. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. (7:30am to 4pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571) 272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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